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SUBJECT: UN EMERGENCY OPERATION: REQUEST FOR US DATA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED BY COMMERCIAL CHANNELS TELEGRAM FROM RAUL PREBISCH REQUESTING REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE (E.O. 2) DEALING WITH COMMITMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO MSAS. WE ASSUME THIS IS CIRCULAR TO ALL POTENTIAL DONORS AND THAT, FOLLOWING PREBISCH MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM JANUARY 8 (MEMCON POUCHED), UNEO STAFF AWARE OF STATUS OF US AID PROGRAMS.

2. MISSION REQUESTED, HOWEVER, TO RESPOND TO TELEGRAM AND EARLIER LETTER TRANSMITTING QUESTIONNAIRE, EITHER THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT WITH MEMBER PREBISCH STAFF OR IN WRITING, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

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3. THE UNITED STATES IS, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, UNABLE

AT THIS TIME TO ADD TO THE INFORMATION ON ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE MSAS WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE UN. THE PRINCIPAL REASON IS THAT, AS A TRADITIONAL AID DONOR, THE US HAS ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS THROUGH WHICH IT WILL CONTINUE TO CHANNEL THE BULK OF ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE MSAS. WHILE WE EXPECT THAT TOTAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES (INCLUDING THOSE DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL) WILL BE

SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER IN FISCAL YEAR 1975 AS COMPARED TO FISCAL YEAR 1974, WE CANNOT ESTABLISH SEGREGATED ACCOUNTS FOR THOSE ASSISTANCE FLOWS WHICH MEET THE EMERGENCY OPERATION'S CRITERIA, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONALITY AND SPEED OF DISBURSEMENT.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, QUARTERLY FIGURES ON PAST COMMITMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF US ASSISTANCE TO THE MSAS WOULD BE MEANINGLESS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION. PROJECTED FIGURES FOR TOTALS THROUGH JUNE 30 ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, AND AWAIT PASSAGE OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATION ACT AND FINAL DETERMINATION OF FOOD AID LEVELS UNDER PL-480. WE WILL PROVIDE THE UNEO STAFF WITH TOTALS FOR PROJECTED COMMITMENTS --- AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER NECESSARY ACTION BY THE CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS COMPLETED. INGERSOLL

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